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(54) **Internet print managing system and method with print services cost accounting**

(57) A system and method of managing print services (12) provided by a print provider (14) includes defining a network communication link (30) between the print provider and a print managing system controller (28) having the print services provided by the print pro-

vider registered therewith. The print managing system controller receives a job ticket (40) and a data file (44) for a print job (16) and determines a cost (90) to fulfill the print job based on the job ticket and the data file for the print job.

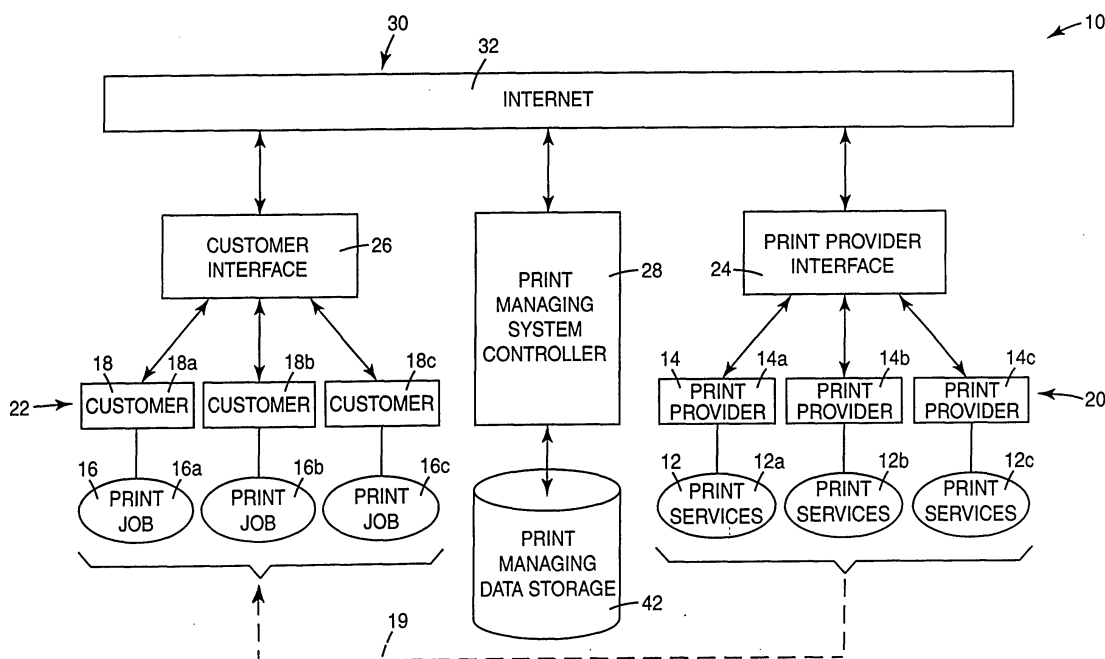


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